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noun \pre-zənt\

Definition of PRESENT

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: something presented : GIFT

Origin of PRESENT

Middle English, from Anglo-French, from *presenter*

First Known Use: 13th century

Rhymes with PRESENT

bezant, peasant, pheasant, pleasant

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verb \pri-zənt\

: to give something to someone in a formal way or in a ceremony

: to formally talk about (something you have written, studied, etc.) to a group of people

: to make (something) available to be used or considered

Full Definition of PRESENT

transitive verb

1 a (1) : to bring or introduce into the presence of someone especially of superior rank or status (2) : to introduce socially**b** : to bring (as a play) before the public**2** : to make a gift to**3** : to give or bestow formally**4 a** : to lay (as a charge) before a court as an object of inquiry**b** : to bring a formal public charge, indictment, or **presentment** against**5** : to nominate to a benefice**6 a** : to offer to view : SHOW**b** : to bring to one's attention <this presents a problem>**7** : to act the part of : PERFORM**8** : to aim, point, or direct (as a weapon) so as to face something or in a particular direction

intransitive verb

1 : to present a weapon

2 : to become manifest**3** : to come forward as a patient**4** : to make a [presentation](#)— **present·er** *noun*[See present defined for English-language learners »](#)**Examples of PRESENT**He *presented* the queen with a diamond necklace.He was *presented* with a medal at the ceremony.She *presented* a check for \$5,000 to the charity.The scientist *presented* his results to the committee.She will be *presenting* a paper on methods for teaching ESL at the conference.What time will you be *presenting*?An offer was *presented* for our consideration.The Main Street Theater Company
is *presenting* Shakespeare's *Othello* next month.The museum is *presenting* an exhibition of paintings by Monet.**Origin of PRESENT**Middle English, from Anglo-French *presenter*, from Latin *praesentare*, from *praesent-*, *praesens*, adjective

First Known Use: 14th century

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³present *adjective* \pre-zənt\

: not past or future : existing or happening now

—used to say what someone or something is now

: at the particular place or event that is being referred to

Full Definition of PRESENT**1** : now existing or in progress**2 a** : being in view or at hand**b** : existing in something mentioned or under consideration**3** : constituting the one actually involved, at hand, or being considered**4** : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that is expressive of present time or the time of speaking**5** *obsolete* : [ATTENTIVE](#)**6** *archaic* : [INSTANT](#), [IMMEDIATE](#)— **present·ness** *noun*[See present defined for English-language learners »](#)

PRESENT**Examples of PRESENT**

The game has existed in its *present form* for more than 300 years.

<I am very busy at the *present* moment.>

Origin of PRESENT

Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Latin *praesent-*, *praesens*, from present participle of *praeesse* to be before one, from *prae-* pre- + *esse* to be — more at [IS](#)

First Known Use: 14th century

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⁴pres·ent *noun* \pre-zənt**Definition of PRESENT**

1 a *obsolete* : present occasion or affair

b plural : the present words or statements; *specifically* : the legal instrument or other writing in which these words are used

2 a : the present tense of a language

b : a verb form in the present tense

3 : the present time

— **at present**

: at or during this time : [NOW](#)

First Known Use of PRESENT

14th century

pre·sent *transitive verb* \pri-'zənt\ (*Medical Dictionary*)**Medical Definition of PRESENT**

: to show or manifest <patients who *present* symptoms of malaria>

intransitive verb

1 a : to become manifest <Lyme disease often *presents* with erythema migrans, fatigue, fever, and chills>

b : to come forward as a patient <he *presented* with grossly swollen ankles and large varicose veins—T. E. Greene>

2 : to become directed toward the opening of the uterus—used of a fetus or a part of a fetus <babies which *present* by breech—*Year Book of Obstetrics & Gynecology*>

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